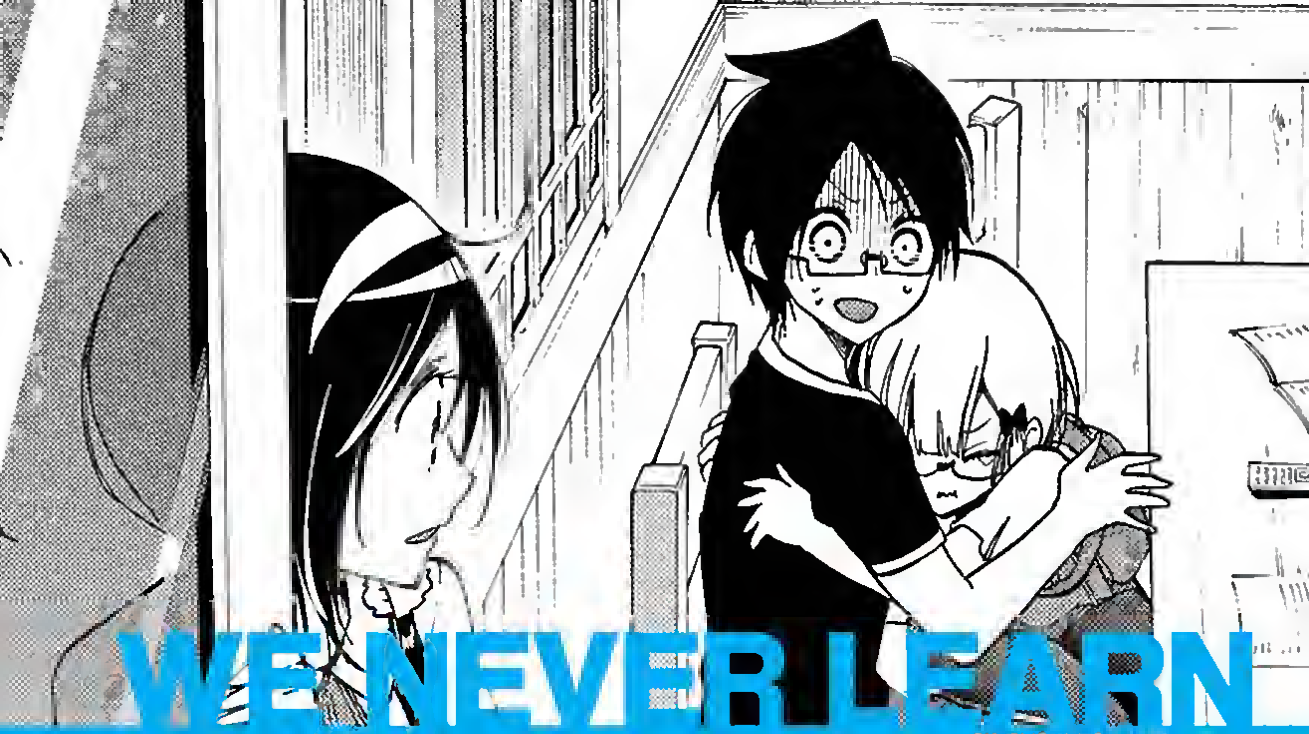

WE NEVER LEARN

BY TAISHI TSUTSUI

Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Three prodigies + three difficult subjects + one desperate tutor = DANGER!

Yuiga has his hands full trying to help three students succeed in their worst subjects. Fumino is an ace in literature but wants to study science! Super athlete Uruka's preferred university requires English proficiency, but she hates to study! And math whiz Rizu is determined to major in the humanities. But if Yuiga somehow succeeds, he'll get the scholarship he needs to attend his college of choice!

CHRRP
CHRRRP
HERE YOU GO, KOBAYASHI AND OMORI!
THANKS FOR ALWAYS BEING SO GOOD TO MY BIG BROTHER!
SEI SAI
WILL YOU JOIN US FOR LUNCH?
WOW, THAT LOOKS DELICIOUS!
THANKS SO MUCH, MIZUKI!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME OF YEAR...
ARE YOU GONNA MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT, NARI-CHAN?
YOU'RE AMAZING, MIZUKI!
YOU COOK FOR THE FAMILY EVERY DAY, AND YOU'RE ONLY IN JUNIOR HIGH!
Home cooking, prepared by a cute girl! Delish!
Uh-huh
Enjoy!
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Question 37: Sometimes Geniuses Are Subject to the Domino Effect of X

SHUT UP, OMORI!
CAN I APPLY FOR THE POSI-TION?
HEY... DOES YOUR LITTLE SISTER HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?
HUH? WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
?
YES! OF COURSE!

RIGHT...
SUPERMARKET
薬

Big brother
This is um delicious
THIS YEAR, IT'S GONNA ACTUALLY BE TASTY, TOO!
I NEVER WANNA SEE THAT POLITE GRIMACE AGAIN!
SHIP

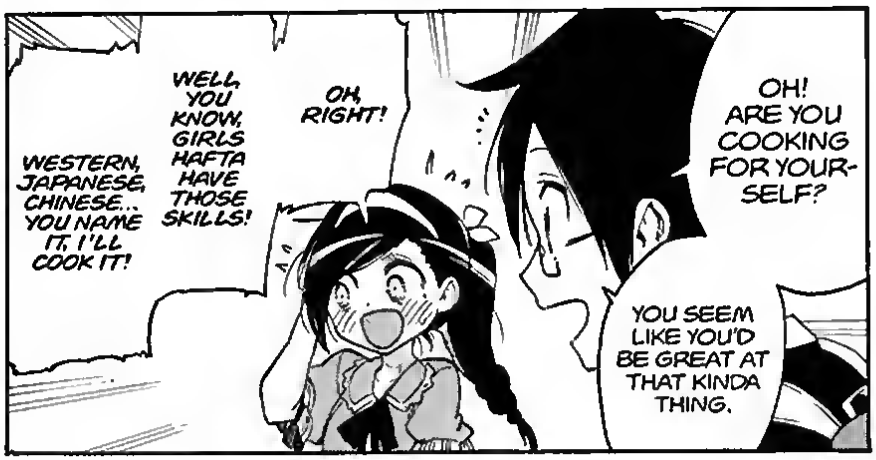
IMP
!

I NEED TO COOK UP SOMETHING SPECIAL TO CELEBRATE. SHE ALWAYS COOKS FOR US!
IT'S ALMOST MIZUKI'S BIRTHDAY...

OH!
248 円
198 円
228 円

HUH ?!
THAT'S QUITE A LOAD YOU'VE GOT THERE. SHOPPING FOR DINNER?
YEAH.. WHEN I THINK ABOUT NUTRI-TIONAL REQUIRE-MENTS, IT KINDA PILES UP, HA HA..!

Y-YUIGA ?!
What a surprise!
HEY! IT'S YOU, FURU-HASHI!
WHSHH


OH! ARE YOU COOKING FOR YOUR-SELF?
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'D BE GREAT AT THAT KINDA THING.
OH, RIGHT!
WELL, YOU KNOW, GIRLS HAFTA HAVE THOSE SKILLS!
WESTERN, JAPANESE, CHINESE.. YOU NAME IT, I'LL COOK IT!

WILL YOU TEACH ME TO COOK?
FURU-HASHI!
I COULD REALLY USE A WOMAN'S HELP!
HUH?
MAKE YOUR-SELF AT HOME...
GEE, THIS PLACE IS HUGE...
THANKS FOR HAVING ME OVER...
そわそわ
FIDGET FIDGET

UM... WHERE'S YOUR FAMILY?
Oh! MY DAD'S AWAY.
HE'S HARDLY EVER HOME.
GLANCE
GLANCE
OH.. GEE.. THIS IS KINDA INAPPRO-PRIATE.
I PUT HER ON THE SPOT WITHOUT THINKING IT THROUGH.
FIDGET
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
NO WONDER SHE SEEMS KINDA FIDGETY!
WELL, IF I FOCUS WE CAN GET THIS DONE QUICK, AND I'LL GET OUT OF HER HAIR..
OKAY, SO...
HOW SHOULD I CUT THE VEGGIES, FURU-HASHI?
RUSTL
SHP
HUH?
YUIGA ...
KHHRR
DID YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?
WHAT?
GRAB
KHERR
SURE, I WASHED ...

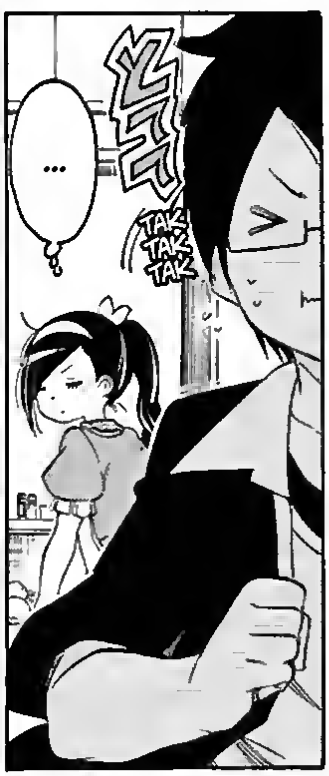
YOU CALL THAT WASHING ?!
GO TO THE BATHROOM AND WASH THEM REALLY WELL FOR 30 MINUTES!!
THIRTY MINUTES ?!
BAM!

I WILL WASH THEM AS IF MY VERY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT, O MASTER!
BE SURE TO GET UNDER YOUR FINGERNAILS AND UP TO YOUR ELBOWS!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

THE EYES OF A SERIOUS CHEF! I DIDN'T REALIZE FURUHASHI WAS SO HARD-CORE...
KHHRR
I WAS BEING SO SHALLOW, THINKING WE COULD RUSH THROUGH THIS...!!

THIS CALLS FOR A CURRY!
YES. FOR EXAMPLE ...
...THE KIND OF CURRY FROM THAT NOVEL, OLD-FASHIONED CURRY BY KUNIKO MUKODA...
SHK

OKAY!
NOW'S MY CHANCE!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TAK TAK TAK

POTATOES RUINED...
CHF...
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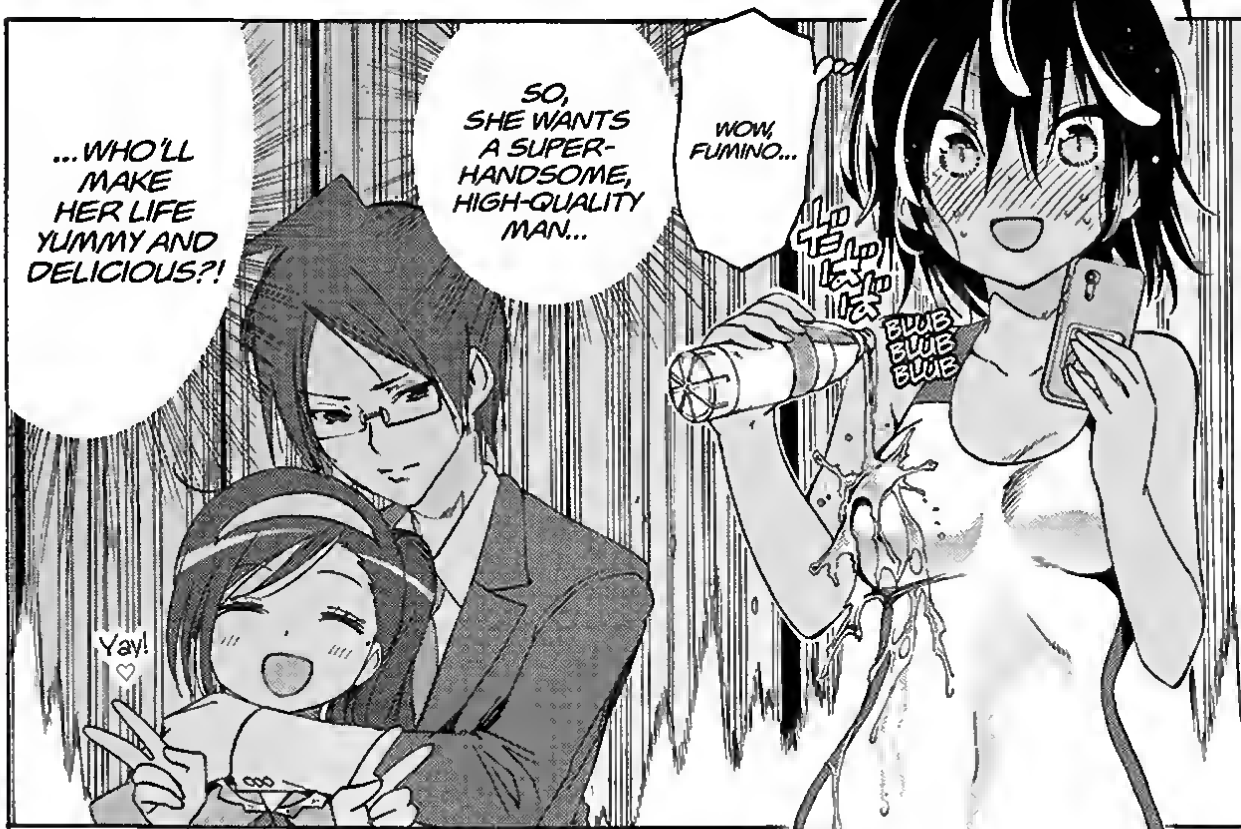
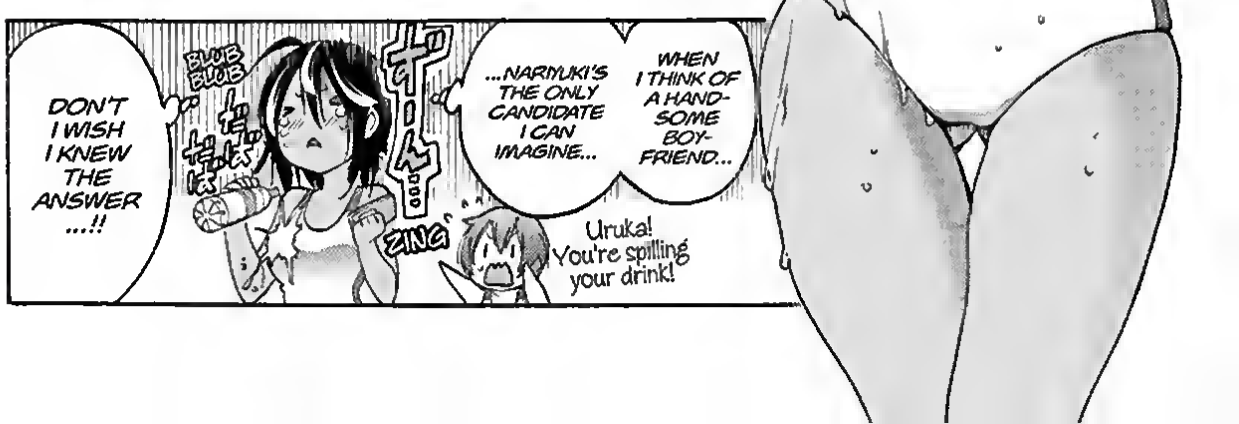
すどぉぉん
-WORMP
OH NO! WHAT'LL I DO?! HOW CAN I POSSIBLY OWN UP TO THIS?!
HOW CAN I TELL YUIGA I HAVE BASICALLY ZERO COOKING EXPERI-ENCE?!
I HAD NO IDEA ...
SHAAA
BA-DMP BA-DMP
This is weird... Furu-nashi bathes in here -
... THAT SERIOUS CHEFS ARE SO HYGIENIC ...
IN FACT, YOU SHOULD TAKE A SHOWER! FOR A FULL HOUR!
THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE CLEAN ENOUGH!
WHAAAAT?!
AIEE!! THAT WAS TOO FAST!!
I'M DONE WASHING MY HANDS!
FURU-HASHI!

*NOTE: FURUHASHI WRITES KARE (BOYFRIEND), INSTEAD OF KAREE (CURRY)!

SHE WANTS A BOY-FRIEND?
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN "MAKE"? SHE WANTS TO CREATE A HUMAN?
AND WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY YUMMY?
HUHHH?
THIS IS WAY MORE INVOLVED THAN I EXPECTED...
I GUESS COOKING IS MORE COMPLEX THAN I REALIZED.
I WILL MOST GLADLY PROVIDE AN ILLUMINATING ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, BUT THE THEORETICAL EXPLICATION WILL TAKE TIME TO EXPOUND.
I DO NOT WISH TO IMPART THE IMPRESSION THAT I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER. THAT, I ASSURE YOU, IS NOT THE CASE BY ANY MEANS.
BZZZ
BIP
HUH?
RIZURIN'S TEXTING ME? THAT'S UNUSUAL ...

RIZU OGATA
FUMINO WANTS TO MAKE A BOYFRIEND.
SHE ALSO SPECIFIED A DESIRE FOR HIM TO BE YUMMY.
CAN YOU HELP?


WOW, FUMINO...
SO, SHE WANTS A SUPER-HANDSOME, HIGH-QUALITY MAN...
...WHO'LL MAKE HER LIFE YUMMY AND DELICIOUS?!
BUBBUBBUB
Yay!


WHEN I THINK OF A HANDSOME BOYFRIEND...
...NARIMUKI'S THE ONLY CANDIDATE I CAN IMAGINE...
DON'T I WISH I KNEW THE ANSWER ...!!
BUBBUB
ZING
Uruka! You're spilling your drink!

BUT WHEN SOMEONE ASKS FOR ADVICE...
HOW CAN I ADMIT I DON'T KNOW? THAT'S TOO EMBARRASSING!
ALL RIGHT, RIZURIN! THIS SOUNDS LIKE A CASE FOR URUKA, HIGH PRIESTESS OF LOVE!
BIP BIP
Dunno...
What's she doing?
Sheesh...
BZZ
ASUMI SENPAI! FUMINO NEEDS OUR HELP!
SHE NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO BAG A HANDSOME GUY WHO WEARS GLASSES!
WELL, TAKEMOTO, I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW TO PUT THIS, BUT...
HUH?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
BA
I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT!
SO QUIT INTER-RUPTING MY STUDIES! YEP, THAT PRETTY MUCH WRAPS IT UP!
BAM
EEK! I'M SO SORRY!
WHAT'S WITH FURUHASHI, ANYWAY! SHE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON HER EXAMS!!
AND WHY SPECIFICALLY A GUY WITH GLASSES?!
GAH!
Nom Nom
?
WAIT... DID I SAY "GLASSES" ?!
YOU SURE DID! I'M HANGING UP NOW!!
I...
I'M SO SORRY!
BUT...
YOU'RE THE ONLY GROWN-UP I KNOW...
...TO ASK ABOUT SOME-THING LIKE THIS!
TWITCH
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU HAVE LOTS OF EXPERIENCE WITH LOVE...

WELL...
WHEN YOU GET TO BE 19, YOU LEARN A THING OR TWO, Y'KNOW?
I KNEW IT!!
SO, DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?!
IT'S COMPLI-CATED...
WELL...
EEEK!! THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF THING WOMEN IN SOAP OPERAS SAY!
WOW, YOU'RE SO COOL, SENPAI!!!
KLIK
RATS...
I GOT CARRIED AWAY...
AND ENDED UP AGREEING TO HELP...
How does she mess with my head like that?
EXPERI-ENCE WITH LOVE?
HM ...

BZZ
FURU-HASHI NEEDS HELP WITH HER LOVE LIFE?
KOMI-NAMI...
WHY SHOULD I HELP HER WITH THAT?
カレーらーめん
Ramen's getting cold...
WHY DON'T YOU ADVISE HER, KOMI-NAMI?
THIS HARDLY SEEMS WORTH MY TIME.
I COULD GET ONE ANYTIME. BUT THE THING IS...
IF I WANTED A BOY-FRIEND..
WELL, YOU KNOW, SENSEI ...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME MAFUYU SENSEI!!
NEVER MIND THAT, MAFUYU SENSEI...
IN FACT, HOW DID YOU GET MY CELL NUMBER?

OH, I GET IT.
IF YOU'VE NEVER HAD A BOYFRIEND, WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY SO?
WHAT?! I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GOT THAT IDEA!
WHY, MY FATHER'S ALREADY MET AND APPROVED MY MAN!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MAFUYU SENSEI?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER HAD A RELATIONSHIP?!
WAIT, THAT CAN'T BE TRUE, CAN IT?
...I'VE GOT A GUY WHO COMES OVER AND CLEANS UP MY APARTMENT!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
IN FACT...
WHAT?!
BA-BAM
FOR REAL?! THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN AWESOME BOY-FRIEND!!
WELL THEN, YOU SHOULD BE PERFECT!
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF FUFU-HASHI'S PROBLEM!
KLIK
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

I...
I DON'T KNOW WHY I SAID ALL THAT...
GREAT. HOW DID I GET SUCKED INTO THIS?
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
WELL, THIS WON'T DO.
I CAN'T ADVISE FURU-HASHI ABOUT LOVE.
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO TALK TO ME, PERIOD.
BESIDES, I HAVE NO WISDOM TO IMPART.
KTUNK
It's cold...
Rats...
SLEEP SLEEP
NOBODY CAN HANDLE EVERYTHING ALONE.
IT'S BETTER IF WE ALL HELP EACH OTHER OUT.
TAP

ガーン
SHOCK!
YEAH ...
YOU STILL CAN'T COME IN THE KITCHEN. NO WAY...
BOGGLE
ぼぉぉ
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO WASH...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SENDING ME BACK AGAIN...
ヨ"
BLUBBA
ゴ"
BLUBBA
コ"
BLUBBA
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OH!
ポケット
POCKET
HELLO, FURU-HASHI SPEAKING ...
GEE ...
RICCHAN STILL HASN'T RESPOND-ED...
!

I WOULD EXPECT...
YOU'VE READ OLD-FASHIONED CURRY, BY KUNIKO MUKODA.
K-K-KIRI...
WHY'S SHE CALLING ME?!
THEY SAY... I MEAN, IN MY EXPERIENCE, MEN ARE VULNERABLE TO FLAVORS THAT SPARK FEELINGS OF NOSTALGIA.
THEY SAY THE PATH TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS STOMACH.
BA-DMP
BA-DMP BA-DMP
?!
EXCUSE ME?!
Google
TAK
YOU CAN FIND DETAILED RECIPES FOR CURRY ON THE INTERNET.
TAK TAK
IN FACT, I'LL SEND YOU ONE.
I HOPE THIS IS HELPFUL.

I DO WORRY THAT YOU SHOULD BE MORE FOCUSED ON YOUR EXAMS, YOUNG LADY!
HMPH!
WHY IS KIRISU SENSEI CALLING ME WHEN I ASKED RICCHAN FOR HELP?
AND ...
ARE YOU LISTENING?
HELLO? FURUHASHI?
AND ... AND WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A MAN'S HEART?!
WHILE IT BRINGS UP SOME FEELINGS ABOUT WHEN SHE WAS MY EDUCATIONAL SUPERVISOR..
THE STRONGEST THING I'M FEELING RIGHT NOW IS...
BLRFF
SENSEIIIII!!
GOD ISN'T DEAD!!
I'M SO RELIEVED!!
よかったぁぁ
THANK YOU-UUU!!
HUH?!
THERE'S NOTHING TO CRY ABOUT!!
IN THE END ...
EVERYONE'S COMMUNAL EFFORTS PRODUCED A DELICIOUS CURRY.
Furuhashi helped me make it.
Pretty tasty, right?
Hrm...
Oh! Is that so?
EVEN SO...
FOR SOME REASON, MIZUKI STILL WORE A STRANGE, BITTER-SWEET GRIMACE.

TO BE CONTINUED...